States/UTs	1996	1997	1998
Lakshadweep	1	NIL	2
Pondichaerry	833	929	990
TOTAL	355103	290415	298052

N.A. = Not Available

Misuse of Sirens in Delhi

3215. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the VIPs/Officers who are entitled to the use of sirens and/or red lights on their vehicles in Delhi;

(b) whether it is fact that unauthorised persons/VIPs have installed sirens and/or red lights on their vehicles in violation of the instructions/rules/judgements; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken against such installations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) As per Rule 97 (2) (b) of Delhi Motor Vehicles, Rules, the general officer commanding of Delhi area and the Chief of the three services the Chief Justice of Supreme Court of India and the Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi are allowed to install a red light without flasher in the front and on top of the wind screen position of the vehicle.

As per Rule 97 (2) (c) of Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules, the official vehicle in attendance with the Cabinet Ministers of Govt. of India, Hon'ble L.G. of Delhi and Chief Minister of the State are permitted to use the blue fixed light on top and middle of the roof of the vehicle while plying on official duty. No VIP is allowed to use siren on their vehicles.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Provisions are made in Delhi Motor Vehicle Rules *vide* Rule 97 (3) for challaning, impounding and cancellations of registration of vehicles which contravene the restrictions regarding use of coloured

lights on vehicles. As per information received from Delhi Police, details of year-wise challans for unauthorized use of Lights/Sirens are as follows:—

Year	Number of Challans
1997	62
1998	34
1999	5
2000 upto 15/7/2000	7

New National Highways in Madhya Pradesh

†3216. SHRI KAILASH JOSHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of roads in Madhya Pradesh declared as National Highways by the Central Government during the year 1999-2000;

(b) the amount sanctioned during the same year for their upgradation;

(c) the percentage of the target completed till 31st March, 2000;

(d) the roads to be declared as National Highways during the year 2000-2001 alongwith the length thereof in Kilometers; and

(e) the amount allotted or proposed to be allotted for the upgradation of such roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) During 1999-2000, the road Sagar-Kanpur which has a length of 187.4 KM through Madhya Pradesh was declared as National Highway-69. This National Highway was taken over from the State Government during 2000-2001 only.

(b) and (c) Funds are allotted State-wise and not National Highway-wise. Allocation for development and maintenance/

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.